

**Minutes of the
Idaho Nursery and Florist Advisory Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., October 2, 2008
By Conference Telephone Call**

In Attendance:

Howard Hughes, Horticulture Services, Inc., Post Falls, ID – Committee Chairman
Kevin Allen, Pro-Care Landscape Services, Meridian, ID – Committee Member
Willy Birkholz, Pro-Care Landscape Services, Boise, ID – Committee Member
Gary Paulson, Mountain Plants Inc., Victor, ID – Committee Chairman
Brian Winn, Jayker Wholesale Nursery, Twin Falls, ID – Committee Member
Robert Reggear, Reggear Tree Farm, Orofino, ID – Committee Member
Dr. James E. Johnson, University of Idaho – University of Idaho Representative – Joined late
Michael E. Cooper, Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) – ISDA Representative
Ann Bates, Idaho Nursery and Landscape Association – Guest

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

New Business:

Review of 2008 Mid-Term Reports:

- 1) NAC/ISDA 2008–1, \$5,000 “Managing New and Emerging Virus Threats to the Green Industry” – Dr. Hanu R. Pappu, Washington State University. Interim Report – A motion to accept the report was made by Brian Winn and seconded by Gary Paulson; the motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 2) NAC/ISDA 2008–2, \$11,355 “Evaluation of Native and Adapted Plants for Landscape Use” – Dr. Stephen L. Love, University of Idaho. Interim Report – The planting site at the U.I. Aberdeen Research Station was visited by Gary Paulson, Brian Winn, and Ann Bates and they were favorably impressed with the plantings. A motion to accept the report was made by Willie Birkholz and seconded by Kevin Allen; the motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 3) NAC/ISDA 2008–3, \$3,753 “Evaluation of Native and Traditional Turfgrass Species for Low-Maintenance Lawns” – Thomas A. Salaiz, University of Idaho. Interim Report – The planting site at the U.I. Aberdeen Research Station was visited by Gary Paulson, Brian Winn, and Ann Bates and they were favorably impressed with the plantings. A motion to accept the report was made by Brian Winn and seconded by Gary Paulson; the motion was then approved by the full committee.
- 4) NAC/ISDA 2008–4, \$16,561 “Nursery Technical Resource Center” – Dr. Danny L. Barney, Dr. Stephen L. Love, Dr. Robert R. Tripepi, University of Idaho. Interim Report – Ann Bates requested that there be more outreach or advertising of the website. Mike Cooper will send Dr. Barney an E-mail requesting more outreach through industry and U.I. media outlets. As of October 2, none of the committee members knew the website was up and running. A motion to accept the report was made by Willie Birkholz and seconded by Brian Winn; the motion was then approved by the full committee.

- 5) NAC/ISDA 2008-5, \$26,340 "Native Plants Production in Potting Media Amended With Anaerobic Digested Cattle Biosolids" – Dr. Robert R. Tripepi, University of Idaho. Interim Report – Mike Cooper will contact Dr. Tripepi regarding the chloride issue and if he has any recommendations as to how it might be resolved or the impact mitigated. The committee also wanted to know if there was any significant impact upon the study by the substitution of the golden monkey flower for the snow buckwheat. - A motion to accept the report was made by Brian Winn and seconded by Gary Paulson; the motion was then approved by the full committee.

Mike Cooper gave a brief overview of the budget situation.

Nursery Research Account Budget Summary

	Receipts	Expenses	Balance
FY2006	\$56,975.00	\$54,671.06	\$129,037.20
FY2007	\$58,491.96	\$54,981.64	\$132,547.52
FY2008	\$ 8,869.58	\$67,112.68	\$138,985.22 -- we went over our appropriation
FY2009	\$ 1,300.00		\$128,779.42 as of 9/30/08

Dr. Johnson reported that the Urban Horticulturalist position search failed and another search is being requested.

Mike Cooper updated the group on issues surrounding the EPA Re-Registration Eligibility Decision (RED) process for several fumigants including Methyl Bromide, Metam Sodium and related compounds, chloropicrin, and dazomet.

Gary Paulson relayed a news item he saw regarding the state of Arizona taking money from an agricultural research account and putting it in their general fund. Evidently the fund had not been used very much. The Arizona Agricultural community filed suit against the state over it.

The Annual meeting will be January 24, 2009.

The Committee adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



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